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SUBJECT: IREX EXCHANGE STUDENT LOUISE SHELLEY

REFS: A. STATE 137154 B. STATE 131929

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF FEDOSEYEV JUNE 12 AND DELIVERED NOTE ON SHELLEY CASE (TEXT AS INSTRUCTED PARA 2, REF A).

2. AFTER READING TEXT OF NOTE TO FEDOSEYEV, POL COUNSELOR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SOVIET EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN U.S. HAVE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE WITH WHATEVER AMERICANS THEY WISH, REGARDLESS OF GIVEN AMERICAN'S POLITICAL VIEWS, AND SPECIFICALLY HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT.

B. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN USSR HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE FREELY WITH WHATEVER SOVIET CITIZENS THEY WISH, REGARDLESS OF GIVEN SOVIET CITIZEN'S OPINIONS OR WHETHER OR NOT HIS AUTHORITIES VIEQ HIM AS  
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"ANTI-SOVIET." WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SOVIET

LAW WHICH CLASSIFIES ANY PARTICULAR GROU OF  
SOVIET CITIZENS AS "ANTI-SOVIET". AMERICAN  
STUDENTS CANNOT KNOW WHETHER GIVEN SOVIET  
STUDENT HAS "ANTI-SOVIET" VIEWS.

C. IT IS, MOREOVER, RIDICULOUS TO EXPECT AMERICAN  
STUDENTS TO CONDUCT IDEOLOGICAL SCREENING OF THEIR  
SOVIET FRIENDS IN ORDER TO WEED OUT THOSE WITH  
NON-MARXIST-LENINIST VIEWS.

D. THIS RIGHT OF FREE ASSOCIATION FOR EXCHANGE  
STUDENTS IS TO US BASIC TO WHOLE VALUE OF EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM. THEREFORE WE VIEW CHARGES AGAINST  
MISS SHELLEY AS NOT ONLY INCORRECT BUT IRRELEVANT.  
EVEN IF CHARGES WERE TRUE THERE WOULD BE NO BASIS  
FOR ANY ACTION AGAINST HER. IN POINT OF FACT,  
AS FAR AS WE AWARE, THEY ARE NOT TRUE.

E. IN ADDITION, THE EXTENSIVE SEARCH TO WHICH  
MISS SHELLEY WAS SUBJECTED BY SHEREMET'YEVO  
AIRPORT CUSTOMS ON MAY 30 WAS AN EXCESSIVE  
NEEDLESS IRRITANT.

F. MISS SHELLEY WILL SOON BE MARRIED TO  
FIRST SECRETARY DONALD GRAVES IN POLITICAL  
SECTION AND DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BE  
SUBMITTING VISA APPLICATION FOR MRS. LOUSE  
SHELLEY GRAVES. WE ASSUME SHE WILL HAVE NO  
DIFFICULTY IN RETURNING TO MOSCOW AS WIFE OF  
AMERICAN DIPLOMAT.

3. FEDOSEYEV RESPONDED BY SAYING HE WAS SORRY IT HAPPENED  
THAT WAY. NOT KNOWING DETAILS OF CASE, HE SAID,  
HE COULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT PROTEST, AND "SOMETIMES  
PEOPLE SAY THINGS NOT IN ACCORD WITH FACTS." HE  
UNDERTOOK TO REPORT NOTE TO HIS SUPERIORS AND PROVIDE  
RESPONSE IN DUE COURSE. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING HOW  
MUCH LONGER GRAVES WOULD BE STAYING IN MOSCOW.  
POL COUNSELOR TOLD HIM ONE YEAR.

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